

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Following is a complete listing of the claims pending in the application, as amended:

1. (Original) A sealed spherical bearing having a bearing housing, a ball located therein and a ring-like seal having an inner edge and an outer edge located between the bearing housing and the ball, one of the edges having a head and a skirt depending therefrom, the head lying in an annular groove formed in one of the ball or the housing, wherein the head is free to ride in the groove, and the skirt lying on a lip upstanding from the groove to define at least two sealing lines between the seal and the one of the ball or the housing, the other edge of the seal being fixedly mounted to the other of the ball or the housing.

2. (Previously Presented) A sealed bearing according to claim 1, wherein the groove is formed in the ball, the inner edge has the head and the skirt depending therefrom and the outer edge is fixedly mounted to the bearing housing.

3. (Previously Presented) A sealed bearing according to claim 1, wherein the skirt is directed radially inwardly from the head.

4. (Previously Presented) A sealed bearing according to claim 1, wherein the skirt tapers from a root end at the head to a tip end.

5. (Previously Presented) A sealed bearing according to claim 1, wherein the upstanding lip is a side-wall of the groove.

6. (Previously Presented) A sealed bearing according to claim 1, wherein a gap is provided between the sealing line defined by the head and the sealing line defined by the skirt.

7. (Previously Presented) A sealed bearing according to claim 1, wherein the skirt makes a sealing contact over a circumferential area of the upstanding lip.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (New) A sealed bearing according to claim 1, wherein the groove is formed in the ball, and wherein the inner edge has the head and the skirt depending therefrom and the outer edge is fixedly mounted to the bearing housing, and further wherein both the head and the skirt are rotatable relative to the ball.

10. (New) A sealed spherical bearing, comprising:
a bearing housing;
a ball located in the bearing housing; and
a ring-like seal between the bearing housing and the ball, the seal having a first edge and a second edge spaced apart from the first edge, the first edge having a head and a skirt depending therefrom, the head lying in an annular groove formed in one of the ball or the bearing housing and the skirt lying on a lip upstanding from the groove, the second edge of the seal being fixedly mounted to the other of the ball or the housing,
wherein both the head and the skirt are rotatable relative to the ball or the housing.

11. (New) A sealed bearing according to claim 10, wherein the groove is formed in the ball, and wherein the first edge has the head and the skirt depending therefrom, and wherein the second edge is fixedly mounted to the bearing housing.

12. (New) A sealed bearing according to claim 10, wherein the skirt tapers from a root at the head to a tip.

13. (New) A sealed bearing according to claim 10, wherein the upstanding lip is a side-wall of the groove.